Territorians winners with $500 000 EnvironmeNT Grants

The Territory’s great lifestyle will be enhanced through the awarding of the first batch of the NT Government’s record million-dollar spend on grass roots environment and heritage projects.

The first round of the EnvironmeNT Grants – launched last year by Environment and Heritage Minister Marion Scrymgour – will see $500 000 awarded to Territorians for various community environment projects.

EnvironmeNT Grants is a new environment grant scheme which is open to all Territorians – a first for the Territory.

“The NT Government is spending more money than ever on community environment and heritage projects – over $1 million this year,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“This is an unprecedented spend by any Territory Government on community-based environment initiatives, and we are doing this because we are proud of our great lifestyle – it’s unique and the best in Australia.”

Ms Scrymgour said $460 000 was available for EnvironmeNT Grants in 2004-05. A further $50 000 had also been awarded to the Cool Communities Project – a community based network of households reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gases in Darwin and Alice Springs.

“The response and quality of the first round of grants was absolutely phenomenal – Territorians really have taken EnvironmeNT Grants to heart,” she said.

“We received more than 70 applications – and the decision has been a very difficult one for all involved given the passion behind some of the applications. But I do urge all who missed out to resubmit their applications again later this year when the second round is called.

“There was a huge cross section of applications that will receive funding right across the Territory, including schools, indigenous organisations and landcare groups.”

Along with the 32 individual projects, Arid Lands Environment Centre has received $30 000, Environment Centre $15000 and Keep Australia Beautiful $160 000 just for operations. (KAB total funding is $360 000).

Grants attached.
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